



Minutes
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD
7447 E. Indian School Road
Scottsdale, Arizona
November 19, 2003
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Dan Basinger, Board Chair. The presence of a quorum was noted.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dan Basinger, Chair
 Lynn Ashby
 Michele Cohen
 Ron Hand
 Brian Munson
 Randy Nussbaum

Members Absent: Don Manthe, Vice Chair

City Staff Present: Larry Person
 Anthony Floyd
 Chuck Skidmore
 Judy Register
 Mark Powell
 James Livingston
 Dennis Enriquez
 Capt. Sean Duggan

Other Attendees: Lida Stewart
 Janis Davis

Zach Hand

APPROVAL OF 10/22/03 MEETING MINUTES

Board Member Munson noted several spelling corrections to the 10/22/03 minutes. Board Member Munson moved to approve the 10/022/03 minutes as corrected. Board Member Ashby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

OLD BUSINESS

• Noise Issues - Sean Duggan

Capt. Duggan recalled that the Board had requested information on how the Police Department responds to citizen satisfaction relating to police response to noise complaints. He stated that there is no mechanism to track citizen satisfaction in response to noise complaints. He added that the police department tracks complaints, but does not categorize noise complaints specifically. Capt. Duggan referred to several of the noise specific city ordinances and noted that the disorderly conduct statute captures everything else. He explained that the statute is very broad and subject to interpretation by each officer. Discussion ensued, and Capt. Duggan explained the problems inherent in addressing noise issue complaints relative to the prioritization of calls based on public safety.

Ms. Register noted that the issue of barking dogs is being addressed through the mediation program developed by Neighborhood Services. Chair Basinger stated that the Board has been asked to review the existing ordinances and determine what, if any, modifications, would be warranted. Capt. Duggan reminded the Board that enforcement of noise related problems was at the crux of the matter. He added that any type of noise monitoring was extremely labor intensive for a busy police department. Discussion followed as to noise codes as implemented by surrounding communities, go-peds, and motorcycle issues.

Ms. Stewart spoke in favor of a noise ordinance similar to Tempe's relating to noise from loud parties. She referred to an ongoing problem in her neighborhood. Ms. Davis spoke to the issue of loud bass music coming from vehicles. Capt. Duggan acknowledged the problems and suggested that the mediation program might be a possible solution to those matters.

Board Member Cohen distributed a newspaper article relating to the go-ped issue by the Stonegate Community Association.

- **Sol Fest (board member reports on board/commission contacts) All Board Members.**

The Board Members provided updates on their contacts and Chair Basinger urged their continued efforts to enlist support and volunteers.

- **ESLO Revisions Recommendation-Vice Chair Manthe**

Mr. Person stated that Vice Chair Manthe had been unable to attend, but noted that he would bring a recommendation for the Board to consider to the December meeting, or sooner if timing necessitated.

- **Environmental Report To Council Chairman Basinger**

Chair Basinger stated that he would provide information to the Board Members within the next two weeks on this agenda item.

5) NEW BUSINESS

- **Commercial Recycling and HHW-Mark Powell and James Livingston**

Mr. Livingston reported on the November 8 Household Hazardous Waste Event, noting the improvements in routing, layout and wait time. He advised the Board that the average wait time had been reduced to five minutes, and that the event had served 556 cars, and recovered 18.5 tons of household waste. Mr. Livingston explained that the event facilitated the disposal of hazardous waste which otherwise may have found its way into ground water or the landfill or been left on a garage shelf. He went on to add that the 2002 Household Hazardous Waste Event served 1722 vehicles, disposing of 40.5 tons, and the 2003 total was 2071 vehicles, with 75 tons of waste disposed of. He stated that the January event promised to be even larger, and that the process was constantly being improved.

Board Member Nussbaum inquired about the possibility of additional advertising for future events. Discussion ensued. Mr. Livingston reviewed the diversity of materials received and the cost implications involved in disposal.

Mr. Livingston distributed several handouts regarding commercial recycling in Scottsdale. He reviewed the information contained therein, and noted that a fee-based commercial recycling pilot project has been ongoing since Oct 28, 1997. He discussed the costs and impacts associated with the program. He stated in summary that, although

recycling is seen by many as a vital and necessary means to help the environment, the mood to mandate commercial recycling throughout the City of Scottsdale municipally would prove to be very costly and time consuming to the City and businesses of the community, and may not be well received at this time.

Mr. Powell addressed the questions presented by the Board regarding the Solid Waste Program. He explained the problems and challenges associated with the contamination rate for multi-family recycling, the responsibility for educating the residents of the multi-family complexes. He also observed that space for commercial containers is, in many cases, nonexistent, and if left in an alley, is subject to contamination. Mr. Livingston added that the commercially mandated programs are either County or State, and that the problems are numerous regarding enforcement, inspection, manpower, cost etc. Mr. Powell noted that every business in the city is offered the commercial recycling option, and that the Solid Waste Department is aggressively soliciting commercial recycling. He referred once again to the many obstacles encountered in mandating a City program.

- **EnviroKidsFest '04 concept Dennis Enriquez**

Mr. Enriquez stated that information gained from the last seven years of events has been utilized in the planning of the much-larger-scale Sol Fest event. He explained that the EnviroKidsFest would highlight interactive events for the children and compliment the weekend Sol Fest event. Mr. Person added that the children's event would be orchestrated in order to get two to three thousand students through the interactive activities in an orderly and effective fashion. He went on to describe that process, and explained the art poster demonstration plans as well.

6) UPDATES AND REMINDERS-CHAIRMAN BASINGER

- **Green Building Report Ron Hand**

As the Green Building Committee had no meeting this month, Mr. Hand did not present a report.

- **Appreciation to Lynn Ashby**

Chair Basinger noted with regret that this would be Board Member Ashby's last meeting. He expressed the Board's gratitude to Ms. Ashby for her efforts on behalf of the EQAB, and presented her with a certificate of appreciation.

- **Board Member discussion of environmental topics**

Mr. Person presented the final draft for the 2002-2003 Indicators Report. He noted that only 500 had been printed and that WEB site access of the report was being encouraged. The Board Members applauded Mr. Person's work on the report.

Mr. Person added that Valley Forward would not be doing an Earth Fest event, but would promote a Greenup event in Mesa, and an art poster event for the entire Valley. He informed the Board that Ms. Wallace would be attending a future meeting to discuss the marketing efforts for Sol Fest.

In response to an inquiry by Board Member Cohen, Board Member Hand reviewed the status of the Remodeling Guidelines. He noted that the subcommittee was awaiting some of the other City documents in order to complete the integration process. Mr. Skidmore discussed the progress on the Senior Center project. He also addressed the Commercial Guidelines revision, and explained that the focus of the subcommittee was to ensure that the checklist was realistic in its philosophy and not solely prescriptive in its application.

7) PUBLIC COMMENT- CHAIRMAN BASINGER

- **Next Meeting is scheduled for 12/17/03**

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made and duly seconded, the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Swanberg
Court Reporter